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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing about the availability of competitive broadband and telephone services.

Like many people I have used the services of legacy providers for these needs. I became aware of alternatives and realized they provided an equal level of technical capacity, great service, lower prices.

It is my understanding that efforts are underway to eliminate the path to market entry currently available for this type of provider. Please protect this market entry option to ensure meaningful competition and greater potential for innovation over time.

The lack of competition will surely lead to higher costs, fixed methods of service access (take our bundle of forget it), and a deterioration of the level of service the average citizen can expect. Please do not allow this future to unfold.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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